

**TOWN OF ROWE - BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, July 24, 2019 – 9:00am**  
**Rowe Town Hall – Assessors' Meeting Room**

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**Present:** Rick Williams, Ellen Miller and Herb Butzke

**Audience:** None

**Call to Order:** Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:12am.

1. **Executive Session:** The Chair declared that Executive Session was not needed.
2. **Minutes:**
  - a) July 3: Minutes of executive session (approved at prior meeting) were corrected and reapproved.
  - b) July 10: Minutes (regular & executive Session) were unanimously approved as submitted.
3. **FY19 Tax Year:**
  - a) **Tax Abatement Appeals:** Received notification that the following entities have filed tax abatement appeals with the ATB (Appellate Tax Board): Bear Swamp Power Company (13 appeals); Great River Hydro (2 appeals) and NEPCO (2 appeals). Appeals had been filed with the Rowe Board of Assessors, and all had been denied. As requested by Paul Brenton of Bear Swamp, the chair signed acknowledgement copies of the (13) Bear Swamp documents on July 17, 2019 (date they were received) and mailed them on July 18, 2019 to Mr. Brenton. Scanned copies of the same were emailed to GESansoucy LLC.
  - b) **Corarito Personal Property:** It was discovered that the Coraritos were issued a Personal Property tax bill in error. The PP value of \$8,550 was below the minimum threshold of \$10,000 and should have been exempted. The tax bill was about \$12.
  - c) **Outstanding Tax Bills:** List of overdue real estate and MVE taxes that was supplied by the Tax Collector was reviewed.
4. **FY19 Acct Balances:** Final YE account balances: Ops: \$958.65, Stipends/Wages: \$6,156.69
5. **FY20 Budget:**
  - a) **Ops Bal:** \$3,768.70, Stipends/wages: \$17,285.33
  - b) **MAAO Dues:** Unanimously approved \$50.00 FY20 dues invoice.
6. **FY20 Tax Rate:**
  - a) **Residential Property Reviews/Updates:** Duane Adams and Lisa Quackenbush of Mayflower Valuations spent the day in Rowe on Sat. July 13<sup>th</sup> performing building permit inspections. Rick met them at the TH. They also entered Form of List information, performed the sales analysis, worked on New Growth and entered the LA-4 Assessment/Classification data in Gateway.
  - b) **DLS Email:** FY20 BLS-LA13A (Amended New Growth) has been approved by Ryan Johnson.
7. **FY19 MVExcise:** The Fourth Commitment and Warrant were approved in the amounts of \$1,937.74.
8. **C.61—Newman (off Leshure Rd):** Awaiting correct form (Form 61A). Rick will visit Mr. Newman to get form signed. Form must be received by July 31 or c.61 classification will expire.
9. **Assessors' Clerk/Assistant Assessors Job Opening:** Received one resume. Interview has been set up for Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.


10. **Mapping:** New property cards and lot numbers are needed due to a GIS mapping change along the Charlemont/Rowe border near Legate Hill Rd/Tatro Road intersection. Tabled.
11. **New Deeds/Transfers:** Reviewed and identified sale code for the following new deeds:

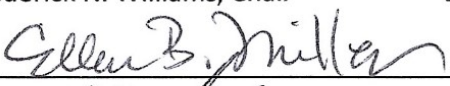
From	To	Address	Map/Lot	Curr Value	Sale Price	Code
PDV, Inc.	Bandoni, John A, Jr	County Rd	407-049, 407-050, 407-051, 407-052	\$ 99,400	\$ 40,100	NAL-V (multi)
West, Robert P, West, Christine M, West, Edward T	Provost, Stephen, Paradis, Maria	19-21 Pelham Dr (private)	201-052, 201-053	\$254,500	\$150,000	NAL-V (multi)
Silva, Edward & Silva, Sandra	Decker, David John	54 Ford Hill Rd	201-019, 201-020	\$191,700	\$ 255,000	AL (multi)


12. **Planning Board Memo re Industrial vs Residential Zone:** Rick thinks zoning classification of industrial area to residential would not affect tax rate. Will contact Ryan Johnson and Skip Sansoucy for clarification.
13. **Thank You:** Received thank you note from Sandy for her retirement gifts.
14. **Next Meeting:** Fri, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
15. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm. [Note: Herb left meeting at 9:50am due to prior commitment.]

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen B. Miller

Approved:

 9-4-19  
Frederick N. Williams, Chair Date

  
Ellen B. Miller

  
Herbert G. Butzke